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1. The day following his return from Moscow Walter Ulbricht reported to the Politburo plus a few other SED officials on his trip. Essential points were: Germany will no longer be allowed to become the occasion for any aggravation of the world political situation. The emphasis in world politics is shifting to other regions and thus American and British interest in Germany will lessen. This phase requires a peaceful penetration of western Germany on the part of the SED. "The People's Democracy line" will not be suspended in the Russian Zone but will be forced into the background. It is necessary to retain bourgeois parties as they now exist in order to make evident the similarities to western Germany.
2. In the West, violent actions must be avoided. Moscow regards the establishment of East-West relations as the political task of the moment in Germany. Consequently the goal now is not to save face for Communism but rather to grasp every chance for national groups.
3. Ulbricht explained that the "National Front" propaganda had been too obviously the work of Moscow. The Eastern State must first be consolidated and possess traits which make it attractive for the West. It cannot appear as a land of proletarian poverty but rather must evidence quite bourgeois characteristics with pomp and ceremony. Accordingly full attention must be given the traditional conservative forces, church, universities, etc.
4. In conclusion Ulbricht admitted that this program would require new concessions by the old Communists but it must be realized that today every policy must be Kremlin policy. The day is gone forever when a national policy could be formed on the basis of national Communism. The Kremlin surveys the political scene more completely than all the national Communist groups. In Germany the problems are especially difficult but they are also problems of the USSR. Ulbricht stated that he had been promised that the political line taken in Germany will always be closely tied in

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to the world policy of the Kremlin. Moscow is interested in gaining influence in all of Germany, that is, in western Germany especially. The period for rigorous post-war policy has now ended. Compromises, sensitive reaction to every impulse, close contacts with every group in western Germany will prepare the way for the activation of the true Communist goal. New political plans are now necessary which will portray the Eastern Republic in the West as a by no means revolutionary state.

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